

Application No. 09/873,413  
Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.111 dated November 22, 2004  
Response to the Office Action of August 26, 2004

### **Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

### **Listing of Claims**

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): ~~An image~~ A file reproducing apparatus comprising:

an attacher to be attached with a recording medium ~~forming in which~~ a plurality of folders for managing a plurality of ~~image~~ files are formed;

a folder number detector for detecting folder identification numbers of ~~said the~~ plurality of folders formed in said recording medium;

a folder number displayer for displaying on a screen ~~said the~~ folder identification numbers detected by said folder number detector;

a selector for selecting any one of ~~said the~~ folder identification numbers displayed by said folder number displayer;

a file number detector for detecting the number of ~~image~~ files managed by the folder holding the folder identification number selected by said selector; and

a file number displayer for displaying the number of ~~image~~ files detected by said file number detector on the same screen as the screen on which the folder identification numbers are displayed by the said folder number displayer.

Claim 2 (Canceled)

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Claim 3 (Currently Amended): ~~An image~~ A file reproducing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

a total file number detector for detecting a total number of ~~said image~~ the files recorded in said recording medium; and

a total file number displayer for displaying ~~said the~~ total file number of the files detected by said total file number detector.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): ~~An image~~ A file reproducing apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said total file number displayer displays ~~said the~~ total number of the files on the same screen as the screen displaying ~~said the~~ folder identification numbers.

Claim 5 (New): A file reproducing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said selector is able to select another file identification number after a display operation of said file number displayer.

Claim 6 (New): A file reproducing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein each of the plurality of files is an image file.

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Claim 7 (New): A file reproducing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a folder creator for creating a new folder in said recording medium when a folder creating operation is carried out.

Claim 8 (New): A file reproducing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a folder creator for creating a new folder in said recording medium when a writing of a file to a designated folder is instructed in a state that the number of files managed by the designated folder indicates a predetermined value.

Claim 9 (New): A file reproducing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a file mover for moving a file from a folder to another folder when a file moving operation is carried out, wherein said another folder is arbitrarily selectable from among the plurality of folders formed in said recording medium.

Claim 10 (New): A file reproducing apparatus comprising:

an attacher to be attached with a recording medium in which a plurality of folders for managing a plurality of files are formed;

a folder number detector for detecting folder identification numbers of the plurality of folders formed in said recording medium;

a folder number displayer for displaying the folder identification numbers detected by said folder number detector;

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a file number detector for detecting the number of files managed by each of the folders respectively holding the folder identification numbers displayed by said folder number displayer;

a file number displayer for displaying the number of files detected by said file number detector; and

a folder creator for creating a new folder in said recording medium when a folder creating operation is carried out.

Claim 11 (New): A file reproducing apparatus comprising:

an attacher to be attached with a recording medium in which a plurality of folders for managing a plurality of files are formed;

a folder number detector for detecting folder identification numbers of the plurality of folders formed in said recording medium;

a folder number displayer for displaying the folder identification numbers detected by said folder number detector;

a file number detector for detecting the number of files managed by each of the folders respectively holding the folder identification numbers displayed by said folder number displayer;

a file number displayer for displaying the number of files detected by said file number detector; and

a folder creator for creating a new folder in said recording medium when a writing of a file to a designated folder is instructed in a state that the number of files managed by the designated folder indicates a predetermined value.

Claim 12 (New): A file reproducing apparatus comprising:

an attacher to be attached with a recording medium in which a plurality of folders for managing a plurality of files are formed;

a folder number detector for detecting folder identification numbers of the plurality of folders formed in said recording medium;

a folder number displayer for displaying the folder identification numbers detected by said folder number detector;

a file number detector for detecting the number of files managed by each of the folders respectively holding the folder identification numbers displayed by said folder number displayer;

a file number displayer for displaying the number of files detected by said file number detector; and

a file mover for moving a file from a folder to another folder when a file moving operation is carried out, wherein said another folder is arbitrarily selectable from among the plurality of folders formed in said recording medium.